

# Judiciary extends suspension of work at the national level

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*Judges and magistrates with pending acts and sentences must go to work one day a week.*

**TEGUCIGALPA, HONDURAS.** Because yesterday, Sunday, May 3, the Security Secretariat reported the extension of the curfew until May 17, the Judiciary also determined to extend the term of suspension of work at its headquarters nationwide.

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## EXHIBIT 3

Through an agreement, the magistrates of the Supreme Court of Justice ( **CSJ** ) resolved that the suspension of work for judicial employees will begin this Monday, May 4, and end on Sunday, May 17.

In their document, they justified that the objective of that provision is that the officials remain in their homes. In that sense, those days are declared **unfit** for the purposes of action and procedural deadlines.

The foregoing will be suspended until next Monday, May 18 and without prejudice to the fact that, in accordance with the legal regulation of each matter, each Court, Tribunal or Court may enable them in the cases they deem necessary, provided that they do not exceed the limits of prevention and responsibility, on the occasion of the pandemic.

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**ACUERDO N° PCSJ 28-2020**

Tegucigalpa, Municipio del Distrito Central; 3 de mayo de 2020

La PRESIDENCIA DEL PODER JUDICIAL,

**CONSIDERANDO**

Que, debido al desarrollo que está teniendo en Honduras el coronavirus Covid-19, en fecha 2 de mayo de 2020, por medio de Decreto Ejecutivo N° PCM-40-2020, el Presidente de la República, en Consejo de Ministros, ha prorrogado por quince (15) días, del domingo 3 al domingo 17 de mayo de 2020, la restricción a nivel nacional de las garantías contenidas en los artículos 69, 78, 81, 84, 99 y 103 de la Constitución de la República, que tuvo su inicio el 16 de mayo de 2020, según Decreto Ejecutivo PCM-021-2020, reformado por los Decretos Ejecutivos PCM-022-2020, PCM-023-2020, PCM-026-2020, PCM-28-2020, PCM-031-2020, PCM-033-2020 y PCM-036-2020; lo que implica que subsisten los motivos que originaron la suspensión de labores en el Poder Judicial, e inhabilitación de días y horas para efectos de actuaciones y plazos procesales; resultando ineludible, para salvaguardar la vida y salud de los servidores judiciales, de los usuarios del sistema de impartición de justicia y de la sociedad hondureña en general, mantener dichas medidas, adoptadas por el Pleno de la Corte Suprema de Justicia.

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## Set terms

According to the agreement of the Judiciary, while the state of emergency is in force by COVID-19, they will work under the terms set forth in the following paragraphs:



- The Courts of Appeals
- Courts of Letters
- Sentencing Courts
- Execution Courts
- Courts of Peace, for the attention of constitutional, criminal, labor, childhood and adolescence, family and domestic violence matters
- Public Defense
- Authentic Unit
- Notary Comptroller
- General Supervision of the Judiciary
- Judicial School
- Security and surveillance body of the institution
- And, other technical and administrative personnel that are strictly necessary; owing, the judicial servants who have to work in shifts or by call.

## **Magistrates and judges must go to their offices**

On the other hand, the Judicial Power in its agreement number 28-2020 also ordered that, while it returns to normal in the judicial work, the magistrates and judges, at all levels of the jurisdictional structure, and of all matters that have orders definitive and / or sentences pending to be drafted, must continue to go to their offices.

This should be at least one day a week, between Monday and Friday, with all the relevant biosecurity measures.

In addition, they are obliged to work behind closed doors in said judicial resolutions, giving priority to those cases with greater seniority; without prejudice to the progress in the work that they can achieve at home.

Lo dispuesto en el numeral anterior, en cuanto a realizar labores en la oficina a puerta cerrada, no será aplicable para los magistrados de Cortes de Apelaciones, Jueces de Letras y Jueces de Sentencia, cuyas sedes se encuentren ubicadas en el departamento de Cortés, o en los municipios de El Progreso, departamento de Yoro, y Las Vegas, departamento de Santa Barbara.

Es oportuno mencionar que lo antes expuesto tendrá excepción solo cuando dichos funcionarios consideren urgente acudir a sus respectivos despachos; ello, teniéndose en cuenta los niveles elevados de contagio y propagación del COVID-19, actualmente registrados en esas regiones del territorio nacional.

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